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SUBJECT: CSCE: RESPONSE TO JANUARY 26 CZECHOSLOVAK

-- PRESENTATION

REFS: (A) PRAGUE 176; ;(B) PRAGUE 181

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1. IN ADDITION TO EXCELLENT RESPONSE (REF B) ALREADY MADE

BY CHARGE TO SPACIL'S JANUARY 26 CSCE PRESENTATION, YOU SHOULD IN COURSE OF NORMAL CONTACTS WITH MFA OFFICIALS MAKE POINTS OUTLINED BELOW. YOUR PRESENTATION SHOULD BE LOW-KEY, COUCHED IN POSITIVE TERMS, AND MADE, IF POSSIBLE, WHEN YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL BUSINESS TO DISCUSS.

2. SPACIL'S "NON-PAPER" IS SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS AS REGARDS US ECONOMIC "DISCRIMINATION" AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BUT IT APPEARS TO LINK THIS UNSPECIFIED "DISCRIMINATION" TO MFN ISSUE. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT US SUBSCRIBES FULLY TO PORTION OF FINAL ACT TEXT REFERRING TO MFN, WHICH STATES THAT PARTICIPATING STATES "RECOGNIZE THE BENEFICIAL EFFECTS WHICH CAN RESULT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE FROM THE APPLICATION OF MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT." CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS AWARE OF ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS IN REGARD TO

US LEGISLATION AND MFN. IN ANY US-CZECHOSLOVAK NEGOTIATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE HELD IN THE FUTURE ON GRANTING OF MFN, US WOULD, OF COURSE, BE INTERESTED IN ENSURING RECIPROCITY OF COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGES, AS PROVIDED IN FINAL ACT. (PREAMBLE TO BASKET II.) (FYI: CONCEPT OF RECIPROCITY WAS LINKED BY US TO MFN IN CSCE CONTEXT TO MAINTAIN OUR VIEW THAT IN GRANTING MFN TO ANOTHER STATE, COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGES ACCRUING TO US SHOULD BE EQUAL TO THOSE OBTAINED BY THE OTHER STATE.)

3. ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF GOLD/CLAIMS ISSUE IS ALSO MATTER OF RECORD; WE CONTINUE TO HOPE FOR ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT. IN ANY CASE, WE DO NOT PERCEIVE ANY DIRECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOLD/CLAIMS QUESTION, WHICH IS A BILATERAL PROBLEM PRE-DATING CSCE, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVISIONS OF CSCE.

4. IN REGARD TO BROADCASTING, FINAL ACT EXPRESSES THE HOPE FOR THE CONTINUED EXPANSION IN THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION BROADCAST BY RADIO (SECTION ON FILMED AND BROADCAST INFORMATION), AND STATES THAT THE PARTICIPATING STATES MAKE IT THEIR AIM "TO FACILITATE THE FREER AND WIDER DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION OF ALL KINDS" (PREAMBLE TO INFORMATION SECTION). RADIO BROADCASTS MENTIONED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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SPACIL NON-PAPER ARE CLEARLY IN KEEPING WITH THESE PROVISIONS, RATHER THAN BEING IN CONTRADICTION TO THEM.

5. YOU SHOULD ALSO TAKE SUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO REMIND CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS THAT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES ENJOYS NO SPECIAL STATUS IN FINAL ACT, EACH SECTION OF WHICH HAS EQUAL VALUE, AND TO POINT OUT THAT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES CONTAINS COMMITMENTS NOT ONLY WITH REGARD TO

INTERSTATE RELATIONS, BUT ALSO WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT (PRINCIPLE X) AND WITH REGARD TO HUMAN RIGHTS WITHIN THE PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES (PRINCIPLE VII).
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